Purpose
This award recognizes CTE professionals for their leadership on behalf of ACTE, their innovations in CTE, and their contributions to the field over an extended period.

Eligibility
All candidates must be current or retired CTE professionals at the time of initial nomination. Candidates must be members of their state ACTE for consideration at the state level. To be eligible for nomination, candidates must be ACTE members by **Nov. 13.**

Criteria
Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria:
  A. Leadership in ACTE (local, state, region, or national level)
  B. Innovations in CTE across their professional careers
  C. Contributions to the CTE field and greater CTE community

All candidates must demonstrate at minimum one best practice in CTE as outlined in the <u>High-Quality CTE Framework</u> in order to be eligible to receive the award. For more information on how nominations will be scored, please see the <u>ACTE Trade and Industrial Division Awards Scoring Rubric.</u>

Nomination Requirements
Each nomination must include the following (incomplete nominations will not be considered):
  A. Description of candidate's qualifications for the award
  B. One letter of support
  C. Headshot photo
  D. Résumé

See below for more information on each component.

  A. **Description of Candidate's Qualifications for the award (1500 words total)**
  Address the following:
  1. How has the candidate demonstrated leadership in the CTE field and in furthering the mission of ACTE? (e.g., leadership positions held; volunteer work in the association; contributions to CTE/ACTE at the local, state, region or national levels) (500 words max)
  2. Describe the candidate's innovations in CTE across their professional careers. (e.g., improvements implemented to program or institution; new activities or initiatives spearheaded; new partnerships developed; creative or cutting-edge classroom practices implemented) (500 words max)
  3. Across their career, how has the candidate contributed to implementing high-quality CTE programs that ensure student success? Please refer to the <u>High-Quality CTE Framework</u> as a guide/reference. (Ex. activities that resulted in student achievements, opportunities, and innovations; improvements to programs and institutions; development of standards-aligned and integrated curriculum; new partnerships with business and industry, or the community; etc.) (500 words max)
  B. **Letters of Support**
  Each nomination should include two letters of support recommending the candidate as relates to the above areas from two of the following: a supervisor, a parent/guardian of a student, a student, an employee, or a community leader.
  C. **Photo/Headshot**
  Each nomination should include a photo/headshot of the candidate. Photos should be digital, high resolution (at least 300 dpi), and submitted in .jpg format. Files 2MB or larger are preferred. (*Note: photographs will be used for publicity purposes only.*)
  D. **Résumé**

Nominations should be uploaded to the following link no later than the Nov. 13 deadline.
https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/71024ea24b61487ebfd7a9b4431e88b4. Candidates for the ACTE National Trade and Industrial Division Awards may nominate themselves for an award or be nominated by a third party. National winners will be selected by the ACTE National Trade and Industrial Awards Committee. Winners will be recognized at the ACTE National Trade and Industrial Division meeting during CareerTech VISION. Winning candidates permit ACTE to use and edit the content of the application for promotional activities. Non-winning candidates may be re-nominated for the same or another ACTE National Trade and Industrial Division Award the following year. Winning candidates at the national level may not be nominated for the same or another national ACTE National Trade and Industrial Division Award within three years of their win.

Are you the best in CTE? Do you know someone who is?

To learn more and submit a nomination,
visit **www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/awards/acte-awards/**